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[54] **METHOD FOR DETECTING TOTAL KETONE BODIES IN URINE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Aliquot of a urine sample is placed in a first automated analyzer sampling cup and a known standard is placed in a second cup. The urine sample and standard are transferred to separate cuvettes and at least one reagent composition in an aqueous medium is injected into the cuvette. The reagent composition contains a compound to remove substances in the urine interfering with a calorimetric reaction, a compound to convert B-hydroxybutyric acid in the urine to acetoacetic acid in the presence of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide and reading at a specified wavelength to determine quantitatively the total ketone bodies in the patient's urine.

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